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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: AGUS IV HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

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1. THE AGUS IV HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT IS ONE OF SEVEN HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECTS ON THE AGUS RIVER, MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES. OF THE SEVEN AGUS VI (MARIA CRISTINA) IS IN OPERATION AND AGUS II UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS A MEDIUM HEAD (118 METERS GROSS) HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT WITH AN INSTALLED CAPACITY OF 150 MW. THE TOTAL HEAD IS EXPLOITED BY MEANS OF A DAM 32 METERS HIGH AND 1478 METERS LONG AND WATERWAYS TOTALLING 3300 METERS. APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF EARTH AND ROCK MUST BE MOVED. THE TOTAL PROJECT COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$105.7 MILLION, WITH A FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT OF \$51.5 MILLION WHICH HAS BEEN FUNDED MOSTLY BY AN ADB LOAN. LOT 1, THE CIVIL WORKS COMPONENT OF THIS PROJECT, IS ROUGHLY ESTIMATED BY NPC TO COST 300 MILLION PESOS.

2. THE PESO 5 MILLION FINANCING FUND IS A GUARANTEE OF THE CONTRACTOR'S LIQUIDITY. THE FUND IS PAYABLE TO NPC EITHER IN CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK; THIS IN TURN WILL BE DEPOSITED BY NPC. IF BIDDER LOSES, THE SUM WILL

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BE RETURNED. PAYMENT IS MADE WITH ACTUAL BID (AFTER PRE-QUALIFICATION).

3. THE EMBASSY WILL AIR MAIL A GRATIS COPY OF THE NPC PREQUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE DIRECTLY TO GREEN CONSTRUCTION IN DES MOINES. FURTHER ENQUIRIES BY GREEN SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO NPC WITH AN INFO

COPY TO THIS EMBASSY FOR FOLLOW-UP. WHILE NPC OFFICIALS WELCOME THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY GREEN, THEY NOTE THAT NO U.S. CONTRACTOR HAS SECURED A CIVIL WORKS CONTRACT WITH NPC SINCE 1953. U.S. FIRMS WOULD BE MORE COMPETITIVE IN ANY ONE OF THE OTHER FOUR LOTS ON THIS BID. LOCAL CIVIL CONTRACTING FIRMS HAVE ADEQUATE EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITY, AND CAN UNDER-BID FOREIGN FIRMS CONSISTENTLY DUE TO LOWER MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT COSTS, AND BECAUSE THEY TAKE PAYMENT IN PESOS. IF GREEN IS INTERESTED, NPC OFFICIALS SUGGEST THAT THEY TIE-UP WITH A LOCAL CONTRACTOR FOR THEIR FINAL BID, WHICH CAN BE DONE EVEN AFTER THE PREQUALIFICATION PHASE.
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